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# IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the drop in United States general imports (unadjusted for seasonal variation) from $1,230.5 million in March to $1,041.9 million in April[1] reflected decreases in imports from all areas as follows: Western Europe, from $337.0 to $279.6 million; Latin American Republics, from $295.1 to $244.1 million; Canada, from $249.2 to $212.3 million; and "all other countries", from $349.1 to $305.9 million.

During the period, imports from O.E.E.C. countries fell from $329.6 to $273.3 million and those from sterling area countries from $211.0 to $182.0 million. Decreases were reported in imports from all continents except Africa, and Australia and Oceania.

Imports from North America dropped from $388.7 million in March to $316.4 million in April owing chiefly to the decrease in imports from Canada, as noted above, and to decreases in imports from Mexico, from $53.4 to $42.7 million; Netherlands Antilles, from $28.6 to $19.1 million; and Dominican Republic, from $13.3 to $7.2 million. The drop in imports from Europe, from $343.7 to $287.3 million, was largely the result of lower levels of imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: United Kingdom, from $75.2 to $56.6 million; West Germany, from $75.6 to $63.8 million; France, from $32.2 to $26.5 million; and Netherlands, from $18.6 to $14.8 million. Imports from Asia dropped from $215.7 to $181.8 million largely due to decreases in imports from Kuwait, from $15.2 to $7.6 million; Republic of the Philippines, from $31.1 to $24.0 million; Japan, from $82.5 to $76.6 million; and India, from $22.3 to $17.1 million. Imports from South America fell from $201.6 to $173.4 million. This change was accounted for by decreases in imports from Venezuela, from $79.0 to $66.5 million; Colombia, from $25.8 to $17.5 million; Peru, from $18.2 to $12.3 million; and Brazil, from $47.8 to $43.5 million.

From March to April, imports from Australia and Oceania increased slightly from $28.2 to $29.4 million. Although imports from Africa remained about the same, $53.5 million in April as compared to $52.6 million in March, appreciable changes took place in imports from some countries of this continent. An increase in imports from Nigeria, from $2.9 to $9.3 million, was largely offset by declines in imports from most of the other individual countries of this continent.

[1] On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,129.1 million in April as compared to $1,127.1 million in March (See the April 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-I). Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

## EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in an number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading or the country in which mixed lots of various origins are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from entrepot, merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be understated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

| Continent and country[1] | April 1961 | March 1961 | April 1960 | Monthly average 1960 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total trade | 1,041.9 | 1,230.5 | 1,261.3 | 1,221.2 |
| Western Europe | 279.6 | 337.0 | 373.0 | 348.7 |
| Canada | 212.3 | 249.2 | 225.2 | 241.8 |
| Latin American Republics | 244.1 | 295.1 | 307.2 | 294.0 |
| All other countries | 305.9 | 349.1 | 355.9 | 336.6 |
| O.E.E.C. countries | 273.3 | 329.6 | 363.4 | 340.9 |
| Sterling area countries | 182.0 | 211.0 | 221.3 | 203.5 |
| North America | 316.4 | 388.7 | 365.9 | 369.1 |
| Greenland | (*) | (*) | (*) | 0.1 |
| Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador) | 212.3 | 249.2 | 225.2 | 241.8 |
| Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands | ... | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Mexico [a] | 42.7 | 53.4 | 38.7 | 36.9 |
| Guatemala [a] | 4.8 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| British Honduras [b] | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| El Salvador [a] | 1.5 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 2.7 |
| Honduras [a] | 4.5 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| Nicaragua [a] | 3.1 | 6.0 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Costa Rica [a] | 4.8 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| Republic of Panama [a] | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Canal Zone | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Bermuda [b] | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Bahamas [b] | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Cuba [a] | 1.1 | 3.0 | 48.2 | 29.8 |
| Jamaica [b] | 4.0 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| Haiti [a] | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| Dominican Republic [a] | 7.2 | 13.3 | 5.4 | 9.2 |
| Leeward and Windward Islands [b] | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Barbados [b] | 0.3 | (*) | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Trinidad and Tobago [b] | 6.2 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 19.1 | 28.6 | 21.1 | 22.1 |
| French West Indies | 0.1 | 0.1 | (*) | (*) |
| South America | 173.4 | 201.6 | 201.0 | 203.0 |
| Colombia [a] | 17.5 | 25.8 | 18.8 | 25.0 |
| Venezuela [a] | 66.5 | 79.0 | 84.9 | 79.0 |
| British Guiana [b] | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| Surinam | 1.6 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| French Guiana | ... | ... | ... | (*) |
| Ecuador [a] | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.5 |
| Peru [a] | 12.3 | 18.2 | 12.8 | 15.2 |
| Bolivia [a] | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Chile [a] | 15.6 | 11.9 | 17.0 | 16.1 |
| Brazil [a] | 43.5 | 47.8 | 47.7 | 47.5 |
| Paraguay [a] | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Uruguay [a] | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Argentina [a] | 7.8 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 8.2 |
| Falkland Islands [b] | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Europe | 287.3 | 343.7 | 381.7 | 355.6 |
| Iceland [b,c,d] | 1.2 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Sweden [c,d] | 10.7 | 10.4 | 15.5 | 14.2 |
| Norway [c,d] | 4.0 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| Denmark [c,d] | 7.0 | 10.5 | 7.0 | 8.2 |

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

| Continent and country[1] | April 1961 | March 1961 | April 1960 | Monthly average 1960 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Europe—Continued | | | | |
| United Kingdom[b,c,d] | 56.6 | 75.2 | 88.6 | 82.7 |
| Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d] | 3.0 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 2.4 |
| Netherlands[c,d] | 14.8 | 18.6 | 19.7 | 17.8 |
| Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d] | 26.6 | 28.7 | 31.3 | 30.4 |
| France[c,d] | 26.5 | 32.2 | 38.0 | 33.0 |
| West Germany[c,d] | 63.8 | 75.6 | 77.3 | 74.7 |
| East Germany | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Austria[c,d] | 3.2 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| Czechoslovakia | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Hungary | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Switzerland[c,d] | 12.9 | 14.7 | 15.3 | 16.4 |
| Finland[c] | 3.3 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 4.4 |
| Estonia | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Latvia | ... | ... | ... | (*) |
| Lithuania | ... | ... | ... | (*) |
| Poland and Danzig | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 3.2 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 2.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Azores | (*) | 0.1 | (*) | 0.1 |
| Spain[c,d] | 6.7 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 7.3 |
| Portugal[c,d] | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Gibraltar[b] | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus[b] | (*) | 0.1 | (*) | 0.1 |
| Italy[c,d] | 25.9 | 28.4 | 36.3 | 32.8 |
| Free Territory of Trieste[c,d] | ... | (*) | ... | (*) |
| Yugoslavia[c] | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.4 |
| Albania | ... | ... | (*) | (*) |
| Greece[c,d] | 3.8 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Rumania | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Bulgaria | 0.1 | 0.1 | (*) | 0.1 |
| Turkey[c,d] | 3.7 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| Asia | 181.8 | 215.7 | 242.5 | 226.7 |
| United Arab Republic (Syria Region) | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Lebanon | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Iraq (Mesopotamia) | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Iran (Persia) | 5.3 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 4.3 |
| Israel | 1.9 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Palestine | ... | ... | ... | (*) |
| Jordan[b] | (*) | (*) | ... | (*) |
| Kuwait[b] | 7.6 | 15.2 | 11.9 | 10.3 |
| Saudi Arabia | 3.6 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c. | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Aden[b] | (*) | (*) | ... | (*) |
| State of Bahrein[b] | (*) | (*) | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Afghanistan | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| India[b] | 17.1 | 22.3 | 18.7 | 19.0 |
| Pakistan[b] | 2.8 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Nepal | (*) | ... | (*) | (*) |
| Ceylon[b] | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.2 |
| Burma[b] | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Thailand (Siam) | 2.7 | 2.6 | 5.7 | 4.6 |
| Viet-Nam | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Laos | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Cambodia | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Federation of Malaya[b] | 6.6 | 8.3 | 16.2 | 13.0 |
| Colony of Singapore; British Borneo[b] | 0.8 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.6 |
| Republic of Indonesia | 13.2 | 14.1 | 16.3 | 18.0 |
| Republic of the Philippines | 24.0 | 31.1 | 26.6 | 25.5 |
| Macao (Macau) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Portuguese Asia, n.e.c. | 0.1 | (*) | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c. | ... | ... | (*) | (*) |
| China (including Manchuria) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Outer Mongolia | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |

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| Continent and country[1] | April 1961 | March 1961 | April 1960 | Monthly average 1960 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Asia—Continued | | | | |
| North Korea | ... | ... | ... | (*) |
| Republic of Korea | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Hong Kong[b] | 7.5 | 8.4 | 13.5 | 11.6 |
| Taiwan (Formosa) | 1.4 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Japan | 76.6 | 82.5 | 100.2 | 95.7 |
| Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Australia and Oceania | 29.4 | 28.2 | 24.7 | 22.2 |
| Australia[b] | 14.4 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 11.8 |
| New Guinea[b] | 0.1 | (*) | (*) | 0.1 |
| New Zealand[b] | 14.3 | 13.3 | 10.1 | 9.9 |
| British Western Pacific Islands[b] | 0.2 | (*) | (*) | 0.1 |
| French Pacific Islands | 0.2 | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands | 0.2 | 0.6 | (*) | 0.2 |
| Africa | 53.5 | 52.6 | 45.5 | 44.6 |
| Morocco | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| Algeria | (*) | (*) | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Tunisia | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Libya[b] | (*) | 0.1 | (*) | (*) |
| United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) | 0.8 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| Sudan | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Canary Islands | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Spanish Africa, n.e.c | ... | ... | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Cameroun | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Western Equatorial Africa[2] | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Western Africa, n.e.c.[3] | 2.6 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 2.2 |
| Ghana[b] | 7.6 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 4.4 |
| Nigeria[b] | 9.3 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| British West Africa, n.e.c.[b] | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Madeira Islands | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Angola | 2.1 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c | 0.4 | ... | ... | (*) |
| Liberia | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.3 |
| Republic of the Congo; and Ruanda-Urundi[4] | 2.3 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 5.7 |
| Somali Republic[5] | (*) | (*) | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Ethiopia (Abyssinia) | 5.3 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 2.2 |
| French Somaliland | 0.1 | (*) | 0.1 | (*) |
| Seychelles and Dependencies[b] | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Mauritius and Dependencies[b] | (*) | ... | ... | (*) |
| British East Africa[b] | 4.9 | 6.3 | 4.5 | 3.8 |
| Mozambique | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Malagasy Republic[6] | 0.6 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.1 |
| Union of South Africa[b] | 10.1 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 9.0 |
| Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b] | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.4 |

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.E.C. (Organization for Eueopean Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French Equatorial Africa. [3]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French West Africa and Republic of Togo. [4]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Belgian Congo. [5]Country designation established effective July 1960. Includes areas formerly known as "Somaliland" and "British Somaliland." The data shown for periods prior to July 1960 reflect combined totals on United States export trade with Somaliland and British Somaliland. [6]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Madagascar.

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